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AMENDMENTS

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1. - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A cremains device comprising:
a first wooden portion comprising a substantially rectangular and substantially planar face interlocked to an opposing pair of substantially rectangular and substantially planar sides and to an opposing pair of substantially rectangular and substantially planar ends via a first plurality of mortise and tenon joints, said sides interlocked to said ends via a second plurality of mortise and tenon joints, said first wooden portion defining a cremains cavity; and
a substantially planar wooden lid adapted to be attached to said first wooden portion and to permanently close said cremains cavity to form an airtight cremains space, said wooden lid comprising a plurality of vents adapted to vent the cremains cavity upon attachment of said wooden lid to said first wooden portion and to be sealed upon permanently closing of said cremains cavity.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, further comprising a protective finish located on an exterior surface of said first wooden portion and on an exterior surface of said wooden lid.

13. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the cremains space has a volume of at least 200 cubic inches.

14. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein said device is defined by a maximum dimension not exceeding 12 inches.

15. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein said wooden lid is adapted to be attached to said first wooden portion via a plurality of screws.

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16. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the cremains cavity is adapted to be permanently closed via gluing said wooden lid to said first wooden portion.
17. (Currently amended) The device of claim 11, wherein said first plurality of mortise and tenon joints comprises a plurality of tongue and groove joints.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 11, wherein said device, when permanently closed, retains structural integrity when exposed to temperatures of about -20F.
20. (Current amended) A wooden box-urn for storing cremains comprising a plurality of permanently sealable vents configured to vent at least a portion said box-urn prior to sealing said box-urn, and a plurality of mortise and tenon joints configured to interlock a substantially rectangular and substantially planar face of said box-urn to a pair of opposing, substantially rectangular, and substantially planar sides of said box-urn.
21. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a columbarium wall containing the wooden box-urn of claim 20.
22. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising fabricating the device of claim 11 by attaching said planar wooden lid to said first wooden portion.
23. - 33. (Cancelled)
34. (Original) A method, comprising
placing cremains within the device of claim 11.

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35. (Original) A method, comprising
placing the device of claim 11 in a niche of a columbarium wall.
36. (Cancelled).
37. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
placing cremains within a cremains cavity defined by a wooden box-urn comprising a substantially rectangular and substantially planar face interlocked to an opposing pair of substantially rectangular and substantially planar sides and to an opposing pair of substantially rectangular and substantially planar ends via a first plurality of mortise and tenon joints, the sides interlocked to the ends via a second plurality of mortise and tenon joints; and
permanently closing the cremains cavity with a substantially planar wooden lid adapted to be attached to ~~the~~ a first wooden portion of said box-urn and to permanently close the cremains cavity to form an airtight cremains space within ~~a cremains container~~ said box-urn, the wooden lid comprising a plurality of vents adapted to vent the cremains cavity upon attachment of the wooden lid to the first wooden portion and to be sealed upon permanent closure of the cremains cavity.
38. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising adhering the first wooden portion to the wooden lid.
39. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising attaching the first wooden portion to the wooden lid via a plurality of screws.
40. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, further comprising placing the ~~cremains container~~ box-urn in a niche of a columbarium wall.
41. (Cancelled).

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42. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
placing in a niche of a columbarium wall a wooden box-urn for string cremains
comprising a plurality of permanently sealable vents and a plurality of mortise and tenon joints.
43. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising preparing the niche to receive the
box-urn.
44. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising closing the niche.
45. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the niche is defined by a plurality of masonry
courses arranged to form the columbarium wall, the wall defined by a wall length, each of the
masonry courses comprising a plurality of mortared structural masonry blocks arranged in a
predetermined block pattern, the niche external to each structural masonry block.
46. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the box-urn encloses a volume of at least 200
cubic inches.
47. (Cancelled).
48. (Cancelled).
49. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 11, wherein said device, when permanently
closed, retains structural integrity when exposed to temperatures of about 180F.